

FIREMAN TELLS HIS SIDE BEFORE INQUIRY BOARD

Chief Belt Begins Investigation of Charges Following Veerhoff Blaze.

The trial board appointed by Chief Belt to hear the charges of bad management and neglect of duty against Capt. C. E. Harper, of Engine House No. 18, in connection with the fire at Veerhoff Galleries, January 30, began its labors this morning, with Chief Belt presiding.

The bulk of the evidence today seemed favorable to the officer under charges. It was announced that no decision will be reached for several days. The trial board is composed of Third Battalion Commander Samuel R. Henry and Capt. Thomas O'Connor, and Timothy Donohue.

Captain Harper, heard in his own behalf, said that on reaching the top floor of the galleries no fire was at first discernible, and that there were no flames until a skylight was opened by a store employee. The flames then were seen between roof and ceiling, and finding that he could not cope with the fire with the chemical hose he had carried into the building, he asked Policemen Connors to turn in an alarm for other companies.

As the policeman left to do this he saw the other companies arriving on the scene, the alarm having been turned in by Paul Groves, a local insurance man.

The fire department records showed there had been but six minutes between the local and the box alarm, according to the fire alarm headquarters officials, although some witnesses seemed to think a longer time elapsed.

MASS CELEBRATED FOR DR. STAFFORD

A solemn high requiem mass for the late Rev. D. J. Stafford was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock this morning in St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. D. J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University of America. The mass marked the celebration of the "month's mind" for the dead priest, and was signified by a much solemnity as the funeral mass four weeks ago. The Rev. J. T. O'Connell, of Cincinnati, a lifelong friend of Dr. Stafford, preached the sermon. The regular choir, under the direction of Armand Gumprecht, sang the Georgian chant requiem mass.

Within the next few days the black drapery which was hung throughout the church will be removed. Today was the last on which a public religious service in memory of Dr. Stafford will be held. Every pew in the church was filled and the entire sanctuary space was needed to accommodate the large number of visiting priests who came to do honor to Dr. Stafford.

Rarely has a more beautiful tribute been paid to the dead than that which was embodied in the sermon of Father O'Connell. The latter was associated with Dr. Stafford many years in the Ohio diocese and had been requested by Dr. Stafford to preach the funeral sermon. He was unable to do this, but his tribute today was affecting and eloquent.

Father O'Connell told of Dr. Stafford's days at the seminary in Ohio and recalled many traits in his character which were known only to his more intimate friends.

He told of his deep interest in the Catholic University of America, his duties among the poor of Cincinnati and of Washington, his zeal in pursuing his literary studies in order to make them the stepping stones to other achievements in his work as a priest. In conclusion, Father O'Connell drew an affecting picture of the few hours preceding Dr. Stafford's death. It was one of the most eloquent and scholarly sermons the congregation of St. Patrick's has ever heard.

GIRL TAKES ACID, BUT WILL RECOVER

Save for a few slight burns about the face Miss Mamie Bayliss, of 323 South Alfred street, Alexandria, who attempted to drink a bottle of carbolic acid at a boarding house located at 216 John Marshall place, yesterday, showed no evidences of her attempt at self-destruction when she left the Emergency Hospital this morning.

Miss Bayliss declined to discuss the matter.

That the broken engagement with Guy Furtner, the young man who saved her life yesterday by knocking the bottle from her hand before she could drink, was not the cause of the young woman's act was shown by the statements of neighbors who know the couple.

Mrs. William F. Eichelberger, who lives at 327 D street, southwest, where the young woman once boarded, declared this morning that Mr. Furtner had for some time endeavored to persuade the girl to marry him, and had showed every evidence of his affection for her on numerous occasions.

The attempt to drink carbolic acid yesterday was the second effort of a kind which Miss Bayliss has made within a few months.

ADOPTS WOMAN OF 45 TO GIVE HER ESTATE

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Rose Pollitzer, sixty-five years old, adopted Julia A. Herman, forty-five years old, by a decree granted by Judge Gibbons. The elder woman told the court that the younger woman was as a daughter because of their having until recently lived together from the time of Mrs. Herman's birth. Mrs. Herman, who lives at 109 Seventh street, Calumet, Mich., is the wife of Abraham Herman, and he consented to the adoption of his wife.

Julia's parents died when she was a little girl, and I raised her," Mrs. Pollitzer said. "Then she went away and got married. I have enough to care for her if she ever should need it, and I want it to go to her when I die."

NEGRO ARRESTED IN THE REID CASE

Police Say Three Hotel Porters Will Be in Custody Today.

Lee Thomas, colored, employed as a porter at a downtown hotel, was locked up at the Sixth precinct police station today on suspicion that he may have some knowledge of the murder of Henry W. Reid. He was arrested by Detective O'Dea. The police say three other hotel porters will be arrested this afternoon. Thomas and three companions are said to have been in the vicinity of Reid's saloon on the night of the murder.

When searched at the station house a watch stem was found in Thomas' possession. Reid was robbed of his watch and chain the night he was murdered. The detectives say, however, that the finding of the watch stem in the negro's possession is not sufficient evidence to connect him with the crime, and unless there are other developments he will probably be released tomorrow.

Joseph Toy, colored, who was placed under arrest Saturday night, will be released this afternoon. Toy has given a satisfactory account of himself on the night of the murder, and the police assert there is nothing to implicate him in the crime.

The reward for the apprehension of Reid's murderer or murderers is \$300.

At a meeting of the Bartenders' League, held last night, it was voted to add \$100 to the \$300 already offered.

NOT YET BUT SOON.

"You seem to manage remarkably well on your housekeeping money."

"Yes; the tradespeople haven't sent in their bills yet!"—Exchange

VIRGINIA CLAIMS \$1,620,000 DEBT

In consequence of a little job of borrowing that was done by George Washington, the State of Virginia is asking the Government of the United States to pay back to it the modest sum of \$1,620,000.

The Father of His Country, it appears, had the project of building up the new city of Washington much at heart, and also his influence was strong in his native State. So he got Virginia to lend \$230,000 to help build the White House and other public buildings in the District of Columbia. This sum has never been paid back. Representative Carlin has introduced a bill in the House for the repayment of the original debt with interest, making up the total of \$1,620,000 named.

The bill provides the money shall be paid to the Mt. Vernon Avenue Association to which the State of Virginia has released all its claims for the debt, and that the association shall use the money for building a magnificent boulevard along the south bank of the Potomac from that point where the proposed memorial bridge will touch the south bank to Mt. Vernon. The boulevard is to be 200 feet wide and different sections of it are to be dedicated and beautified by the different States. The Government, it appears, has never denied the justice of the claim, but the State has never pushed it actively. The Senate passed a similar bill some years ago, but the House did not act on it.

Congress has already appropriated \$50,000 for a survey of the proposed boulevard, and the War Department has made it. Three routes have been considered: one along the river bank, passing east of Alexandria, another passing through Alexandria, and the third on the bluffs of the Potomac overlooking the river.

DYNAMITE COAL ENDS CONTRACT

In the future the presence of dynamite in coal furnished vessels of the United States Navy will be sufficient ground for annulling the contract with the firm furnishing the "loaded fuel." This was made known by Secretary Metcalf today in a letter to all firms furnishing coal to the department.

The letter is a sequel of the finding of dynamite in coal aboard the battleship Ogle at Trinidad, which reported yesterday.

The firm which supplied the coal and the man from whom the fuel was obtained are known to the department and have been specially warned.

REVIVAL AT HAMLINE MAKES MANY CONVERTS

Religious fervor and an intense interest continues in the old-fashioned revival at Hamline Church, Ninth and P streets northwest, where the Rev. Thomas Harrison has been conducting meetings for the last several weeks.

The Rev. Mr. Harrison gives straight heart-to-heart talks, and possesses the ability to convince his hearers. He has a magnetic personality, and has mastered the art of turning interest into desire. His appeals are so sympathetic, so strong, forceful, deliberate, and human that all who hear him are impressed, and as a result many converts have joined the congregation.

Tonight the Rev. Mr. Harrison will speak on "Rock of Ages." Thursday night he will speak on "The Unpardonable Sin."

BILL FOR PENSIONS IS \$150,869,000

Representative Keifer of Ohio, acting for the Committee on Appropriations, reported to the House today for passage a pension appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$150,869,000.

Provision is made for the abolition of the eighteen pension agencies throughout the country and for the payment of all pensions from one agency in Washington, it being estimated that this will cause a saving to the Government of \$25,000 a year.

BODY OF MRS. MARTIN TAKEN TO BALTIMORE

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Ferguson Martin were held at her home, 229 C street northwest, this morning, and the body immediately taken to Baltimore for interment in Greenmount Cemetery this afternoon.

Mrs. Martin was born in Baltimore in 1842, and was married forty-three years ago, her husband at that time being a banker. Seventeen years ago they came to Washington, and for many years conducted the Temple Hotel, on Ninth street, near F. She was a prominent worker in the interests of the W. C. T. U., and also conspicuously identified with the Metropolitan Memorial Church.

INCONTESTABLE.

A grandmother was reproving her little grandchildren for making so much noise.

"Dear me, children, you are so noisy today! Can't you be a little more quiet?"

"Now, grandma, you mustn't scold us. You see, if it wasn't for us, you wouldn't be a grandma at all."—Harper's Weekly.

"Unemployed" Rob Man With Money For Their Lunch

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—"Ben" Reitm's parade of the unemployed which was rudely interrupted on the lake front recently by Chief of Police Shippy, was held last night without any fuss. Reitm collected about 100 men from the municipal lodging houses, gathered up about 300 more at the downtown street corners and marched them all to a downtown theater, where they were given gallery seats at the expense of the theater management. Just before the show was over Reitm caught a late train for St. Louis. As he left he gave his right-hand man, Ralph Gurley, known as "Washington Fats," a handful of coin to buy a midnight lunch for the theater party. Two of Reitm's guests held up Gurley and took the money from him. Then some of the others, thinking that Gurley was playing them false, gave him a good beating.

SAVES EMPLOYING A COOK.
"He is very extravagant and his wife encourages his extravagance."
"That's strange."
"Not very, you see he is extravagant in his praise of her cooking."—Exchange.

"Margin" Renamed On Stock Boards But It's the Same

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Henry Clewes, the banker, has posted this notice in his Broad street office:

"As President Roosevelt reflects unfavorably on transactions made on margin in his last message, I want it distinctly understood that the word 'margin' will not be used hereafter in connection with my business—the word 'credit' will be substituted in its place. 'Hereafter' customers must make orders read: 'Buy 100 shares so and so stock at 100 on credit,' they to give 10 per cent satisfactory security on the credit account as usual."

Mr. Clewes says he defied President Roosevelt to prevent him from selling on credit.

PARENTAL ADVICE.

"Johnnie," said his father, "I am surprised to hear that you have dared to dispute with your mother."

"But she was wrong, pa," replied Johnnie.

"That has nothing to do with it," said the boy's father; "you might just as well profit by my experience, and learn once for all that when a woman says a thing is so, it is so whether it is so or not."—Cassell's Journal.

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